

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

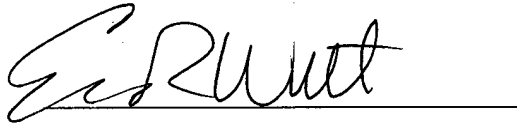
This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed September 12, 2003. In this Amendment, the specification was amended to refer to the term "groove" found in claim 1. Claim 1 was amended to recite that a plurality of pins contact the elastic member.

The Office Action objected to the disclosure because the term "groove" found in amended claim 1 cannot be found in the specification. The specification has been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion. Withdrawal of the objection is requested.

In the Office Action, claims 1 and 6-7 were rejected under either Section 102(e) or 103(a) as being anticipated or unpatentable over Todisco et al. The Office Action at page 4 stated: "One way that Applicant could overcome this rejection is to claim that a plurality of pins contact said elastic member." Claim 1 was amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion. Therefore, Applicants submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

If there are any remaining issues preventing allowance of the pending claims that may be clarified by telephone, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "E. R. Witt", is written over a horizontal line.

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